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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html

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Early November has brought the first snowfalls of the season here in the Montreal area, much earlier than expected. I hope it isn't a sign of a very long winter.

Next month brings us to the end of the 4th year of publication of the Radio H.F. Internet Newsletter. It will also be our special, annual Christmas/New Year edition.

This month's Monthly Special Zone features sites about several holidays occurring this month; Ramadan, Remembrance/Veteran's Day, Chanukah and U.S. Thanksgiving Day.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Only 40 responses to last month's survey question, down substantially from last month's record turnout.

Last month's question asked about your pastimes. Seems like a lot of you must have little recreational time to spare! Of the 40 responses, there was actually very little duplication.

The question was "What is your favourite pastime or hobby?"

Here are the multiple responses:

Internet -- 8 votes
Dxing -- 5 votes
Amateur radio -- 4 votes
Photography (including digital) -- 3 votes

Others mentioned included astronomy, bird watching, swimming, curling, reading, crossword puzzles, plus several music-related categories.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY QUESTION

Let's focus on music this month. I doubt there is anyone out there who doesn't listen to music of some type. Let's find out who likes who. The question this month is:

Who are your top 3 all-time favourite musical artists? (Individual Singer, group or band, composer, etc. in any musical style)

My top three are:
Van Morrison, The Beatles and The Allman Brothers Band

This should be a very interesting exercise! I look forward to reading your responses.

Please send along your response by e-mail to hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Contributions are way, way down this month. Thanks to only 7 of you contributing to this month's edition.

Next month is December; Christmas time! In the spirit of the season, why not consider giving a little something to all your fellow Newsletter subscribers. Send along one URL as a gift to share will all.

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Steve Bass, Columbus, Ohio
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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2002

http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/remembranceday.htm

Gander Academy's web page dedicated to Remembrance Day in Canada. It also features links to Veteran's Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Australia.

REMEMBRANCE AND THE POPPY

http://www.legion.ca/english/rday.htm

From the Royal Canadian Legion web page, this page features information and history on Remembrance Day in Canada, the poppy, the emblem of Remembrance Day and other related material.

IN FLANDERS FIELD

http://www.inflandersfields.be/english/eng-index.html

The web page of the Flanders Field museum in Belgium. When you click on the "Main menu" button, you go to the Museum pages. There you will find a 'clickable' timeline on the history of the First World War, and detailed information on life at and behind the front. You may also experience a virtual walk through the Museum.

RAMADAN ON THE NET

http://www.holidays.net/ramadan/index.htm

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. It is during this month that Muslims observe the Fast of Ramadan. Lasting for the entire month, Muslims fast during the daylight hours and in the evening eat small meals and visit with friends and family. It is a time of worship and contemplation. A time to strengthen family and community ties.

MOON SIGHTING

http://www.moonsighting.com/

The Moon is most important to Ramadan and the Muslim community. This site deals with the Moon, sightings of it, and other interesting related links.

VIRTUAL CHANUKAH

http://www.virtualchanukah.com/

The holiday period of Chanukah gets underway on November 29th and runs through to December 7. This page offers us a complete look at the history, traditions, background and related information on the holiday period.

JUDAISM 101: CHANUKKAH

http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday7.htm

The story, the traditions, the music, recipes, and more on the holiday period.

THANKSGIVING ON THE NET

http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/

Thanksgiving Day in America is a time to offer thanks, of family gatherings and holiday meals. A time of turkeys, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. A time for Indian corn, holiday parades and giant balloons. So here for your entertainment are some fun Holiday things for you and your family. We've got stories of the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving, turkeys to take home, holiday pictures for the kids to print and color, tasty holiday recipes and e-greeting cards to send your friends and family. We hope you find something you

like!

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

BUTTERNUT ANTENNAS

HF Vertical antennas have long been popular with hams and for good reason. They can be very effective antennas for their size, and have the advantage of taking up very little space. The typical vertical radiates at a low angle of elevation, usually the most effective angle for working extended ground wave and for working DX when skip is in.

As space is becoming more and more of a factor for many amateur operators, verticals may be the answer. Butternut Antennas, a division of Bencher Inc., offers a selection of some of the most popular HF antennas on the market today.

To check out the various models available, with photos, specifications, etc., please check out the following web site:

http://www.bencher.com/ant_select.html

Butternut Antennas are available through Radio H.F. Please call, write or e-mail for complete details.

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THE RADIO ZONE

SHORTWAVES

http://wwwstud.rz.uni-leipzig.de/~pge98crf/dx_e.html

VIA Steve Bass, Columbus, Ohio

Here is suggested web site for the radio zone section of newsletter. I find this to be very helpful in shortwave listening. Provides a continuously updated all language schedule by time and by frequency

RADIO ENTHUSIAST

http://www.radioenthusiast.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A web page established to help radio listeners of every interest get the most out of monitoring. The focus of this site is information and reviews on radio-related resource: books, web sites, equipment, discussion forums, and more. The goal is to help you find the wide range of information and material you can use to improve your radio explorations.

CANADIAN FORCES STATION CFH MILL COVE, NOVA SCOTIA

http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/rrp/mc_mill_cove.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

A historical perspective on the Canadian Forces radio station in Mill Cove, Nova Scotia, call sign CFH.

TUBES TO GO

http://www.ominous-valve.com/tubes.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A collection of interesting pages about tubes or valves. Be sure to read the page about border radio stations in Mexico as well. A really unique collection of work here.

THE CLASSIC CKLW PAGE

http://cklw.timmins.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is for you if you're interested in the "heyday" of the Big 8 (the 1960's or the early 1970's). CKLW is one of the classic border radio stations in the Windsor, Ontario/Detroit, Michigan area.

ROGUE RADIO RESEARCH

http://www.roguecom.com/rogueradio/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Rogue Radio Research is dedicated to the scholarly study of micro radio. This site contains original research on micro radio, general and specific guides, information, and annotated links to micro radio and related resources.

THE IONOSPHERIC MONITORING GROUP

http://www.wdc.rl.ac.uk/ionosondes/ionosondes.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Rutherford Appleton Laboratory operates ionosondes at RAL (Chilton) in the UK and at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands. Until June 1998 there was a third instrument at Lerwick in the UK. Ionograms and scaled URSI parameters from all three stations are archived in the WDC. The RAL ionosonde has replaced the instrument that was previously running at Slough.

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ICOM RECEIVERS

Icom, known as one of the leaders in amateur radio equipment, also offers an excellent line of portable, base and computer controlled full coverage receivers for shortwave listeners and scanner enthusiasts.

Portables such as the R-2, R-3 and R-10, base models such as the IC-R75 and their top of the line IC-R8500, plus the computer controlled IC-PCR1000 are all available through Radio H.F. Note that Canadian versions of these units offer complete, unblocked frequency coverage.

You can check out the complete line of Icom receivers on the following web site:

http://www.icomamerica.com/receivers/index.html

Please contact Radio H.F. for pricing and availability.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

http://www.csis-scrs.gc.ca/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Internet site of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). CSIS is a government agency dedicated to protecting the national security interests of Canada and safeguarding its citizens. The main objective of the Service is to investigate and report on threats to the security of Canada, an objective that it pursues while respecting the law and protecting human rights. CSIS is unique in its role as the Government of Canada's principal advisor on national security. Be sure to check out the sections on terrorism and security screening. Also note that this is fully bilingual site, English and French.

IRAQ JOURNAL

http://www.iraqjournal.org/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

With Washington on the verge of seeking to destroy an already devastated country, a group of independent journalists and activists - spearheaded by Voices in the Wilderness and the Iraq Peace Team - are breaking ranks with the war chorus. Coordinated by independent journalists Jeremy Scahill and Jacqueline Soohen on the ground in Baghdad, IraqJournal provides a forum for the distribution of independent information and views from Iraq.

FAIR - FAIRNESS AND ACCURACY IN REPORTING

http://www.fair.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

FAIR, the national media watch group, has been offering well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship since 1986. We work to invigorate the First

Amendment by advocating for greater diversity in the press and by scrutinizing media practices that marginalize public interest, minority and dissenting viewpoints. As an anti-censorship organization, we expose neglected news stories and defend working journalists when they are muzzled. As a progressive group, FAIR believes that structural reform is ultimately needed to break up the dominant media conglomerates, establish independent public broadcasting and promote strong non-profit sources of information.

MEDIA CHANNEL

http://www.mediachannel.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

MediaChannel.org is a nonprofit, public interest Web site dedicated to global media issues. MediaChannel offers news, reports and commentary from our international network of media-issues organizations and publications, as well as original features from contributors and staff. Resources include thematic special reports, action toolkits, forums for discussion, an indexed directory of hundreds of affiliated groups and a search engine constituting the single largest online media-issues database. MediaChannel is concerned with the political, cultural and social impacts of the media, large and small. MediaChannel exists to provide information and diverse perspectives and inspire debate, collaboration, action and citizen engagement.

HEAVENS ABOVE

http://www.heavens-above.com/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

If you're interested in satellites or astronomy, you've come to the right place! Our aim is to provide you with all the information you need to observe satellites such as the International Space Station and the Space Shuttle, spectacular events such as the dazzlingly bright flares from Iridium satellites as well as a wealth of other space flight and astronomical information.
We not only provide the times of visibility, but also detailed star charts showing the satellite's track through the heavens. All our pages, including the graphics, are generated in real-time and customized for your location and time zone.

SNOW CRYSTALS

http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is all about snow crystals and snowflakes, and how these remarkably complex and beautiful structures appear, quite literally, out of thin air. The many facets of snow crystals are described here, along with our attempts to understand their formation.

THE GREAT IDEA FINDER

http://www.ideafinder.com

VIA Bob Margolis, Chicago, Illinois

a place to explore the exciting world of innovation. Whether you're a student, teacher, writer, inventor, history buff, or just looking for innovative consumer products, you'll find things you can use here. Come join us in Celebrating the Spirit of Innovation.

THE GADGETEER

http://www.the-gadgeteer.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Find out about all the latest new gadgets out there in the marketplace. Products are discussed, reviewed and presented. This site is constantly offering up something new and innovative.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EYE

http://internationalsportseye.com./

VIA Charles L. Williams, Publisher

A new sports web site launching in early 2003, International SportsEye will feature over 40 sports from around the globe. Every Olympic sport, high school, professional, and collegiate sports are included. Men and women are given the same priority coverage. We invite you to become part of our mailing list and therefore become a subscriber, which entitles you to receive periodic updates about the launch date; and when we do launch, special information about our promotional activities with our upscale sponsors. There are no fees to being a subscriber, all that is required is your agreeing to become part of our mailing list.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

CB RADIO

Many radio hobbyists got their first exposure to two-way radio communications with CB or citizen's band radio. Although many moved on to other forms of communications, there is still a world of communications being conducted on the CB band. The Alpha Tango groups operate DX worldwide; truckers use CB radio for communications on the road; others use it for recreational communications.

CB radios and accessories are available through Radio HF from many different companies; radios from Ranger, Cobra, Magnum, Galaxy, Alan, Uniden, plus antennas and accessories from Astatic, Cherokee, Firestick, K-40, Maco, Midland, Paradynamics, Shakespeare, Solarcon, Valor and Wilson.

Check out the Radio HF web site, under the Citizens' Band section, for links to these and other CB companies.

Contact Radio HF for any pricing and availability of these CB radios, antennas and accessories.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

INTERNET BUMPER STICKERS

http://www.internetbumperstickers.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Internet Bumper Stickers let you give the world a little piece of your mind. Use them in E-messages and Web sites to proclaim, protest, profess or just kid around. They're free to use, so go ahead and download the ones you want. A great selection of on-line stickers you will want to use and share with others.

DUMB BUMPERS

http://www.dumbbumpers.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Dedicated to the observation and documentation of strange, unusual, and of course humorous bumper stickers found around the world. Enjoy the site, and after you're finished, take a look at many of the other wonderful dumb creations in The Dumb Network. If you have a bumper sticker to add be sure to tell us!

THE BIG CARTOON DATABASE

http://www.bcdb.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

The Internet's largest searchable database of
cartoons, episode guides and crew lists.

URBAN LEGENDS REFERENCE PAGE

http://www.snopes.com/

VIA Ben Loveless, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

This site sets you straight on all those e-mail 'free
offers' (such as Bill Gates sending every Windows user
$50) or other e-mail hoaxes that just aren't true.

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NEW RELEASES FROM THE A.R.R.L.

Communications Quarterly CD-ROM 1990-1999

This CD-ROM collection covers volumes of
Communications Quarterly published from 1990-1999.
Gain access to advanced technical topics in articles
which cover transmitter, receiver and transceiver
projects, theory, antennas, troubleshooting and much
more. High quality black-and-white page scans can be
read on your computer screen or printed. Quickly
search for articles by title and author, select
specific year and issue, and browse individual
articles and columns.
System Requirements: Requires Microsoft Windows.
CD-ROM. 2002, American Radio Relay League, Inc.
(ISBN: 0-87259-878-0) #8780 -- $63.95 Canadian

Antenna Compendium Volume 7

Hooray for antennas! This is the seventh in the very
popular ARRL Antenna Compendium series. Inside, you'll
find articles covering a very wide range of
antenna-related topics:
30, 40, 80 and 160-Meter Antennas
Measurements and Computations
Mobile Antennas
Multiband Antennas
Practical Tips
Propagation and Ground Effects
Quad Antennas
Special Antennas
Stealth Antennas
Tuners and Transmission Lines
Vertical Antennas
VHF/UHF Antennas
Wire Antennas
Yagi Antennas

This volume includes even more articles on low-band
antennas and operating, and great designs for
operating on the road-from cars, vans or motor homes.
208 pages. First edition, 2002, The American Radio
Relay League. #8608 -- $39.95 Canadian

Please contact Radio H.F. for ordering information on these new releases, or any other books or publications.

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

NOTE: All times quoted are local.

The 2002 hamfest season is over. Thank you to all those dedicated organizers who staged successful events throughout the year. Watch for listings of the 2003 events beginning to appear here in the January 2003 edition of the Newsletter.

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Details of new ARRL and RSGB publications can be found on the ARRL web site at: http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=What%27s+New

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, nets and radio broadcasts which I either operate, present or am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, celebrating our 40th anniversary this year. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our November 2002 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). Celebrating 15 years on the air in November, I, and co-host Bill Westenhaver, present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may also listen to the International Radio Report when you like. Archived editions of the programme have been posted on the web, thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec. Please check:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

THE MONTREAL DX LISTENERS NET

Sunday evenings, on the West Island Amateur Radio Club Repeater, 146.910 MHz., following the swap net at 8 PM Eastern, tune in for the Montreal DX Listeners Net, featuring news about all aspects of radio; shortwave, AM/FM, utilities, scanning, amateur radio. Included are listening tips, developments in broadcasting, reception reports, HF and scanner frequency information, special topics, questions and comments. This net is in its 9th year, and has had close to 500 different participants during this period. The net is operated by Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW. Please feel free to participate. The Swap Net begins at 8 PM, followed by a calendar of events including upcoming hamfests, amateur radio contests and special events amateur stations, plus a list of local events and meetings. The DX Net usually begins around 8:20 to 8:30 PM Eastern, and runs to approximately 10 PM.

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster, Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the Radio Canada International web site. When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

http://www.rcinet.ca

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http://www.total.net/~radiohf

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